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FOR: Surface on a Stainless Steel Matrix

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450		
Sir:		
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. [] Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. [] Terminal Disclaimer - Fee \$ included. [] Priority Document [] Petition for Extension of Time (1 month) (fee enclosed). [X] No additional fee is required. [] The fee has been calculated as shown below (Col. 1) (Col. 2) (Col. 3) SMALL ENTITY OTHER THAN SMALL ENTITY		
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[] FIRST PRESENT. OF MULT. DEP.CLAIM +145= \$ +290=\$ ADDIT. FEE TOTAL \$ OR TOTAL \$ * If the entry in Col. 1 is less than the entry in Col. 2, write" 0" in Col.3. ** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 20, write "20" in this space. *** If the "Highest Number Previously Paid For" IN THIS SPACE is less than 3, write "3" in this space. The "Highest Number Previously Paid For" (Total or Independent) is the highest number found from the equivalent box in Col. 1 of a prior amendment or the number of claims originally filed.		
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Respectfully submitted, /		

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Sir:

This is filed responsive to the Office Action of March 29, 2004. Without prejudice to Applicants' right to continue to prosecute subject matter in the specification as originally filed please make the following amendments to the specification.